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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC ALTENBURG Airfield

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED 25X1A

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1. Seven DC-3 transports were parked at the ALTENBURG (N 51/K 27) airfield at noon after 18 planes of this type had taken off in the morning, heading north. Eleven planes landed during the day. In the morning 18 paratroopers jumped over the jumping area adjacent to the airfield from a DC-3 at an altitude of 2,500 feet. The trucks [REDACTED] were 25X1C observed.
2. Excavation work was still under way at the tank installation on the northern edge of the field.
3. According to a German employed at the field, the parachute school has been stationed at the field since August 1948. A colonel was the CO of the parachute school which was allegedly to soon be transferred.

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4. Thirty-three DC-3s were counted at the field. [REDACTED] Excavation work was going on at the tank installation.

5. 19 to 25 October 1949

The occupation of the field was unchanged. There was no flying.

18 October and 8 November 1949

6. About 30 twin-engine transports with radial engine and single rudder assembly were parked at the field. There was no flying. The truck [REDACTED] and the passenger car [REDACTED] were 25X1C assigned to the field. A railroad tank car and an open flat-car with three gasoline barrels were standing on the spur track at the northern edge of the field.

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Comment:

a. The occupation of the airfield by a parachute school and parachute jumps were reported by the same source in September 1949. * Other reports on the ALTENBURG airfield do not contain any information on the presence of a parachute school or the parachute jumps. The information on the occupation by a parachute school is, therefore, transmitted with reserve.

b. The occupation by about 40 Li-2 transports is confirmed by various sources.

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